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1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE GOU, DURING THE PERIOD, DEPOSITED ITS INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE 1971 PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES CONVENTION. URUGUAY THUS HAS ADHERED TO THE WHOLE PANOPLY OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONVENTIONS TO WHICH WE HAD URGED ITS ADHERENCE. THE GOU CONTINUED ITS TIGHT CONTROL EFFORTS, GIVING WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY TO ITS FEW ARRESTS OF TRAFFICKERS--BASICALLY YOUNG PEOPLE SELLING AMPHETAMINES. THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL COMMISSION TO FIGHT DRUG ABUSE GAVE SEMINARS IN FEBRUARY, MAY AND JUNE TO EDUCATORS AND EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES, PLACING EMPHASIS ON MENTAL HEALTH. A MAY COMMISSION STUDY ON DRUG DEPENDENCE INDICATED THAT DRUG ABUSE IN URUGUAY IS STILL NOT A PROBLEM ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SIGNS THAT USE AMONG THE YOUNG MAY BE GROWING, PARTICULARLY OF AMPHATAMINES AND MARIJUANA. WE STILL HAVE NO INDICATIONS THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT TRAFFICKING IS TAKING PLACE IN OR THROUGH URUGUAY. THE URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS SERVICE ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE TO TRAIN CUSTOMS AGENTS.

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A) THE PROVISION OF ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT TO THE

POLICE NARCOTICS BRIGADE WAS COMPLETED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME SPARE PARTS FOR VEHICLES.

B) TWO POLICE NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATTENDED DEA'S ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL NO.

16. IN APRIL/MAY, U.S. CUSTOMS OFFERED AN ADVANCED TWO-WEEKS SEMINAR IN DRUG INTERDICTION TO 20 OFFICIALS OF THE URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS, NAVY AND PREFECTURA NAVAL (A COAST GUARD-LIKE SERVICE). A ONE WEEK ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 10 INSTRUCTORS IN THE URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS' NEW TRAINING INSTITUTE FOLLOWED.

2. STATUS OF AGREEMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD--NONE.

3. TOTAL OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES DURING REPORTING PERIOD. OBLIGATIONS--NONE. ACCRUED EXPENDITURES--\$7261, ALL FOR EQUIPMENT. THERE WERE NO EXPENDITURES FOR U.S. PERSONNEL, CONTRACT SERVICES, TRAINING OR OTHER.

4. TYPES, QUANTITY AND COST OF EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD. ONE 4 X 4 UTILITY TRUCK - \$4424.16.

5. TYPES, QUANTITY AND COST OF EQUIPMENT IN PIPELINE. THREE DOZEN TYPEWRITER RIBBONS - \$74. LIGHT 4 X 4 CARRY-ALL TRUCK, TYPE 11, CLASS C - \$5316. SPARE PARTS FOR VEHICLES - \$1874. (NOTE: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME OF THE SPARE PARTS, ALL EQUIPMENT LISTED HAS BEEN TURNED OVER. IT IS IN THE PIPELINE ONLY IN THE SENSE THAT FINAL BILLING HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED OR DISBURSEMENT MADE.)

6. OTHER SUPPORT COSTS NOT DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS. NONE.

7. NUMABER AND TYPE OF PEOPLE TRAINED. SEE 1 B ABOVE.

8. PROGRESS ON ALL FACETS OF THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN EXCELLENT. SIRACUSA

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